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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE."

1 Strike sections 2 and 3 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) It shall be the goal of the
3 state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas in order to make an
4 appropriate contribution to achieving the regional goals of reducing
5 emissions of greenhouse gas to those levels emitted in 1990, which
6 reduction to occur not later than January 1, 2010, and to levels ten per
7 cent below the 1990 levels not later than January 1, 2020. The
8 Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall consult with the
9 Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian
10 Premiers to establish a date for the long-term regional goal of reducing
11 the emissions of greenhouse gas by seventy-five to eighty-five per cent
12 below 2001 levels. If the Conference of New England Governors and
13 Eastern Canadian Premiers has not established a date for such long-
14 term regional goal by January 1, 2007, the date for reaching such goal

15 shall be 2050.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the Governor's Steering
17 Committee on Climate Change, established in November 2002, shall
18 develop a multisector, comprehensive climate change action plan, with
19 the opportunity for public comment, which plan shall contain the
20 policies and programs necessary to achieve the state's goals for the
21 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2010 and 2020. The steering
22 committee shall notify each member of the General Assembly of the
23 development of such plan and of such opportunity for public
24 comment. Not later than January 1, 2005, the steering committee shall
25 submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, such
26 plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
27 cognizance of matters relating to the environment, energy,
28 transportation and commerce. Not later than January 15, 2005, such
29 committees shall convene a joint informational public hearing for the
30 purpose of reviewing such plan. Not later than February 1, 2005, such
31 committees shall meet for the purpose of consideration of endorsement
32 of such plan. Not later than February 15, 2005, the steering committee
33 shall submit a final plan to such committees.

34 (c) Not later than January 1, 2008, the steering committee shall
35 develop an amended climate change action plan, with the opportunity
36 for public comment, for achieving the state's contribution towards
37 reaching the long-term regional goal established pursuant to
38 subsection (a) of this section. The steering committee shall submit, in
39 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, such plan to the
40 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
41 of matters relating to the environment.

42 (d) Not later than December 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
43 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in collaboration with the
44 commissioners of other state agencies and the steering committee, shall
45 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
46 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on
47 the progress made in achieving the goals established in subsection (a)

48 of this section and to evaluate the appropriateness of the climate
49 change action plans developed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of
50 this section in achieving such goals.

51 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) The Commissioner of
52 Environmental Protection shall work to establish a regional
53 greenhouse gas registry for greenhouse gas emissions and a regional
54 reporting system in conjunction with other states or a regional
55 consortium.

56 (b) Not later than April 15, 2006, and annually thereafter, the owner
57 or operator of any facility that is required to report air emissions data
58 to the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title V of
59 the federal Clean Air Act and that has stationary emissions sources
60 that emit greenhouse gases shall report to the regional registry direct
61 stack emissions of greenhouse gases from such sources. The owner or
62 operator shall report all greenhouse gas emissions in a type and format
63 that the regional registry can accommodate.

64 (c) The commissioner shall consider, on an annual basis, requiring
65 the expansion of reporting to the regional greenhouse gas registry to
66 include, but not be limited to, other facilities or sectors, greenhouse
67 gases, or direct and indirect emissions. A decision for or against an
68 expansion of reporting and an explanation of such decision shall be
69 included in the annual report required pursuant to subsection (c) of
70 section 2 of this act.

71 (d) Not later than July 1, 2006, the commissioner shall provide for
72 the voluntary reporting of emissions of greenhouse gas to the regional
73 greenhouse gas registry by entities and facilities that are not required
74 to submit information pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this
75 section but which do so on a voluntary basis. The greenhouse gas
76 emissions reported shall be of a type and format that the regional
77 greenhouse gas registry can accommodate.

78 (e) If a regional greenhouse gas registry is not developed and
79 implemented by April 15, 2007, the commissioner shall evaluate the

80 feasibility of establishing and administering a state-wide greenhouse
81 gas registry for the collection of emissions data pursuant to subsections
82 (b) and (c) of this section. If a regional greenhouse gas registry is
83 developed after the commissioner establishes a state-wide greenhouse
84 gas registry, then the reporting requirements in subsections (b) and (c)
85 of this section shall revert back to the regional greenhouse gas registry
86 in accordance with said subsections (b) and (c).

87 (f) Not later than July 1, 2006, and triennially thereafter, the
88 commissioner shall publish a state greenhouse gas emissions inventory
89 that includes comprehensive estimates of the quantity of greenhouse
90 gas emissions in the state for the last three years in which data is
91 available.

92 (g) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
93 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
94 provisions of this section. Nothing in this section shall limit a state
95 agency from adopting any regulation within its authority in
96 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes."